

# NIH/NOAA Rec & Welfare Association

*presents...*

## The Music Cities

featuring Branson, Memphis & Nashville

October 12 - 19, 2009



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8 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 3 Dinners



**COLLETTE**  
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**Highlights...** Doug Gabriel • Shoji Tabuchi • Graceland • Rock 'n' Soul Museum • Grand Ole Opry • Historic RCA Studio B • Wildhorse Saloon

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Per Person Rates: **Double \$2,399; Single \$3,149; Triple \$2,369**

**Included in Price:**

Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$200 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Baltimore Washington Intl Airport

**Not included in price:**

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$140 per person

**Day 1: Monday, October 12, 2009**

**Branson, Missouri - Tour Begins**

Get ready for a journey energized with the sounds of Blues, Country, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Thrill to an array of spectacular shows and explore the vibrant cities of Branson, Memphis and Nashville. Your tour begins in Branson, the "Live Music Show Capital of the World!"

**Day 2: Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

**Branson**

Start your day at the fantastic Doug Gabriel Show, where he delights audiences with his world-famous "Mufftar," a guitar made out of a 1969 Thunderbird muffler! ★ **Later, experience an unforgettable performance by one of Branson's most popular performers, Shoji Tabuchi, who blends the wholesome values of the heartland with the excitement of New York and Las Vegas.** ★ This electrifying production that includes everything from country to classic, showcased in a theatre that is a phenomenon in itself, is something that no visitor to Branson should miss. Tonight the energetic Hughes Brothers Show entertains with country hits, western classics, plus popular Gospel and Broadway favorites. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 3: Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

**Branson**

Enjoy a full day of leisure in Branson. Your Tour Manager is on hand to recommend attractions, shows and sightseeing opportunities. Perhaps this morning you will opt to head out to Silver Dollar City. This charming re-creation of an 1890's mining town combines entertainment, exciting rides, authentic crafts and delicious food amidst the splendor of the Ozarks. This afternoon, you may choose to partake in an optional cruise aboard the late 19th century paddlewheel riverboat, the Showboat Branson Belle. This evening, enjoy a fun and energetic show at the Branson Variety Theatre. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 4: Thursday, October 15, 2009**

**Branson - Memphis, Tennessee**

Travel southeast, crossing the mighty Mississippi River, en route to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Immerse yourself in Memphis' energetic musical scene and dine on world-famous Beale Street, feasting on southern cuisine. The rest of your evening is free to enjoy this city's vast musical offerings on your own. Dance to the live music that may fill the open air or spend the evening exploring Beale Street's many vibrant musical clubs! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 5: Friday, October 16, 2009**

**Memphis - Nashville**

At the corner of Beale Street and legendary Highway 61 – *The Blues Highway* – the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum celebrates the musical pioneers who overcame racial and economic barriers to create music that unites people around the world. Explore the museum and its famous *Rock 'n' Soul: Social Crossroads* exhibit, developed in unique cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution. ★ **Put on your blue suede shoes when you visit Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley.** ★ Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate to visit his home, original business office, trophy building and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. Then, continue on to the "Music Capital of the World," Nashville, for what promises to be the highlight of your trip. Settle into the fabulous Gaylord Opryland Hotel for the next three nights. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

**Day 6: Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Nashville**

**★Tour the historic RCA Studio B to get an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining record studio where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits!★**

While inside the walls of this famous studio, learn the secrets of how each artist recorded their chart-topping music uniquely. And you never know...you may have the opportunity to record your own hit before you leave! Then, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. The museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and musical instruments are artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits

relating the colorful histories of country music and its artists. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned "Grand Ole Opry." What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 7: Sunday, October 18, 2009**

**Nashville**

This morning, a local guide officially welcomes you to Nashville by sharing its history and lore during a fascinating sightseeing tour. View the Old Ryman Auditorium, the State Capitol, Music Row and the Parthenon - a full scale replica of the

Athenian original! The afternoon is yours to explore Nashville as you choose – be sure to ask your Tour Manager for suggestions of things to do! Tonight, enjoy a special dinner at the famous Wildhorse Saloon, home of a 3,300 square foot dance floor that is used every night of the week by dancers and revelers! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Monday, October 19, 2009**

**Nashville - Tour Ends**

The memories made and melodies heard in the Music Cities will have you humming and smiling long after you return home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1 - 3	Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO
Day	4	Memphis Marriott East, Memphis, TN
Day	5 - 7	Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

The order of performances may change due to show schedules. On some dates, alternate performers will replace entertainment outlined in itinerary.

"**Leisure Stays**" are tours in which the itineraries are designed to allow for multiple-night stays in two or more cities. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.

Flights arrive into Springfield, MO, a one-hour drive from Branson. Flights on arrival day should arrive prior to 4:00 PM.

Collette air passengers will arrive into the Springfield, Missouri airport. All Collette transfers will depart from the Springfield airport for Branson.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

**For more information contact**

**Julie Harris • NIH/NOAA Rec & Welfare Assoc • (301) 496-6061**

**Branson Shows**

Whether you're looking for singing, comedy, banjo-playing, fiddling, Broadway-style revues, magic, big band, country or pop....Branson has it all!

Collette has carefully selected what we feel is a mix of the best shows Branson has to offer! However, should show schedules change, we will replace the show with an alternate performance. We do our best to keep current and ensure that every show you see is a memorable experience.

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## IDENTIFICATION

### Travel within USA

All airlines will ask for identification when you check-in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

**Consumer Protection Plans:** Collette Travel Service holds membership in the following highly reputable industry organizations: the United States Tour Operators Association and the American Society of Travel Agents. Each association operates a consumer protection plan to cover deposits made by travelers. Full details are available from the organizations or Collette Travel Service. Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients. **Our**



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**California Sellers of Travel registration number is 2006766-20. Our State of Washington Unified Business Number is 601220855. Our Nevada Sellers of Travel registration number is 2003-0279.**

**Responsibilities:** Neither Collette Travel Services, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. Because neither maintains any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Collette. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. They reserve the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times. Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. Arbitration - I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association in Rhode Island. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Rhode Island law.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Photos shown are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

First deposit of \$100 per person due upon reservation. \*Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis.  
Reservations made after the seat reduction date of 6/12/2009 are based upon availability.  
Final payment due by 8/12/2009.

**Make checks payable to:** Collette Vacations

**For Reservations Contact:** NIH/NOAA Rec & Welfare Association (301) 496-6061  
Attn: Julie Harris  
31 Center Drive MSC2062  
Bethesda, MD 20892-0001



Please select one of the following gifts per person: ☐ Travel Bag ☐ Toiletry Bag

Your Name:

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev) (Please print as it appears on drivers license)

(Jr., Sr.)

Rooming With: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print as it appears on Passport)

Nickname (as you may prefer to be addressed): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency**

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase cancellation waiver and insurance at \$140 per person: ☐ Yes ☐ No (Payment due with first deposit.)

Please note: If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations (see brochure for details)

Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise your departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Seat Request ☐ Aisle ☐ Window (Collette Vacations cannot guarantee your preference)

If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Room Accommodations: ☐ Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking (Collette Vacations cannot guarantee your preference)

\*Triple rooms are normally a standard double room with 2 beds. A cot or rollaway bed may be requested but not guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes.

Collette Vacations accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa as payments toward your group reservation.

If paying by credit card, please complete the attached authorization form.

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<[www.ColletteVacations.com](http://www.ColletteVacations.com)

Payment of a per person waiver insurance fee guarantees **full refund** on all payments (including deposit), **except the waiver fee itself**, made to Collette Vacations for tour service in case of cancellation for any reason prior to the day of departure. Air inclusive waiver insurance may be purchased only if you purchase your airline tickets from Collette Vacations.

Once on tour, if a passenger has to return home early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family, (physician's statement required), payment of the waiver fee to Collette Vacations guarantees full refund for any unused land services after departure from the tour. Payment of the air inclusive waiver guarantees your return transportation, with no additional supplement, utilizing your original airline tickets. In the event you have purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the air waiver does not apply.

The waiver insurance fees are **fully refundable up to 6/12/2009**. Waiver insurance is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. *Waiver Insurance must be purchased at time of first deposit.*

Collette Vacations can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Vacations itself, and its own employees.

The waiver insurance fees do not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. The waiver covers cancellation of your trip and does not cover cancellation of the airline portion only.

The waiver insurance fees cover lost, damaged or delayed baggage as well as medical expenses, emergency medical attention and worldwide travelers' assistance. See your booking agent for details.



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**Phone: 1-877-277-1676 Fax: 1-401-727-9014**

If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to NIH/NOAA Rec & Welfare Assoc. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

### **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

BOOKING NUMBER: 328858

TOUR: The Music Cities featuring Branson, Memphis  
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DEPARTURE DATE: October 12, 2009

GROUP NAME: NIH/NOAA Rec & Welfare Assoc

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr.,Mrs,Rev) (Please print as it appears on drivers license) (Jr.,Sr.)

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your credit card statement)

Cardholder Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette Vacations cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for **FRAUD PREVENTION**. All information **MUST** be provided. Thank you for your cooperation!

If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to:

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Or by Fax to: 301-402-1052



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### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

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## **Branson, MO**

### **Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise**

**\$60 USD Sun-Thurs**

Cruise back in time on the majestic Showboat Branson Belle, Silver Dollar City's beautiful turn-of-the-century-styled paddle wheeler. Wander all three decks of this stately boat for breathtaking views of Table Rock Lake and glimpses of the wildlife on its shores. Enjoy a mouth-watering feast and delight in an afternoon of award-winning music, comedy, dance and acrobatics inside Branson Belle's comfortable 700-seat auditorium. Acts include the popular Steppin' out Quartet and the Paddlewheel Ramblers. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

### **Silver Dollar City**

**\$50 USD**

Silver Dollar City blends the wholesome and fun qualities of a major theme park with a celebration of Ozark craft and culture. The park showcases over 100 artisans who demonstrate glass-blowing, basket-weaving, blacksmithing, pottery, candy-making, candle-making, and many other crafts in a beautiful, rustic setting that recalls life in the 1880s. With over 20 rides and attractions, 60 unique shops and restaurants, and 40 dazzling shows each day, Silver Dollar City truly appeals to all ages. Please Note: Guests with mobility issues should consider hiring electronic convenience vehicles upon entrance in the park for greater access to the attractions. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



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(Mr.,Mrs,Rev) (Please print as it appears on drivers license) (Jr.,Sr.)  
(Please submit a separate form for each Passenger.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person
_____	<b>Silver Dollar City</b>	<b>\$50.00 USD</b>
_____	<b>Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise - Sun-Thurs</b>	<b>\$60.00 USD</b>

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